

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please amend claim 11 as follows:

11. (Amended) An optical disk device comprising the optical disk controller,
said optical disk controller comprising:
a status generator for generating status reports each representing the operation
state of the optical disk controller; and
a status sampling section for sampling the status reports.

REMARKS

I. Introduction

In response to the pending Office Action, Applicants have amended the specification so as to correctly identify both Figs. 3a and 3b in the Brief Description of The Drawings portion of the specification. In addition, claim 11 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. It is believed the foregoing amendments to the specification and claim 11 overcome the objections set forth in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Office Action.

For the reasons set forth below, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are not anticipated by the cited prior art references.

II. Rejection Of Claims 1-11 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by USP No. 6,141,306 to Andoh. Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are patentable over Andoh for the following reasons.